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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PRODUCTION REPORT

SIoux FALLS, S.D. August 12, 2024 - Based on August 1 conditions, South Dakota's 2024 **corn** crop is forecast at 852 million bushels, down slightly from last year, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Acreage harvested for grain is estimated at 5.26 million acres, down 6% from a year ago. Average yield is forecast at 162 bushels per acre, up 10 bushels from last year and tying the record high if realized.

Soybean production is forecast at 254 million bushels, up 14% from last year. Area for harvest, at 5.40 million acres, is up 7% from 2023. Yield is forecast at 47 bushels per acre, up 3.0 bushels from last year.

South Dakota's 2024 **winter wheat** crop is forecast at 47.7 million bushels, up 45% from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 770,000 acres, up 10% from a year ago. Average yield is forecast at 62 bushels per acre, up 15 bushels from last year and a record high if realized.

Other spring wheat production is forecast at 31.5 million bushels, up 13% from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 630,000 acres, down 3% from a year ago. The yield, forecast at 50 bushels per acre, is up 7 bushels from last year.

Oat production, at 8.28 million bushels, is up 62% from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 89,000 acres, up 29% from a year ago. The yield is forecast at 93 bushels per acre, up 19 bushels from last year and tying the record high yield if realized.

Sorghum yield is forecast at 82 bushels per acre, down 8 bushels from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 280,000 acres, unchanged from a year ago. Production of 23.0 million bushels is down 9% from a year ago.

Alfalfa hay production is forecast at 3.96 million tons, down slightly from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 1.65 million acres, down 2% from 2023. Expected yield, at 2.40 tons per acre, is up 0.05 ton from last year. **All other hay** production is forecast at 2.28 million tons, up 6% from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 1.30 million acres, up 3% from a year ago. Expected yield, at 1.75 tons per acre, is up 0.05 ton from last year.

Special Note

NASS reviewed planted and harvested acreage estimates in this report for barley, corn, cotton, dry edible beans, oats, peanuts, rice, sorghum, soybeans, sugarbeets, and wheat (winter, other spring, and Durum) using all available data, including the latest certified acreage from the Farm Service Agency (FSA). All States in the estimating program for these crops were subject to review and updating. Detailed estimates can be found on pages 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 22, 25, 26, 29, and 30 of the National publication.

Access the National publication for this release at:

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